

Draft Evaluation Criteria For PSIC Grant Program

This criteria is based on the initial criteria released and is subject to change when the final criteria is released by DHS and NTIA

Evaluation Criteria:

Must align with PSIC criteria:

- PSIC objectives:
 - Technology
 - Adopt advanced technological solutions
 - Improve spectrum efficiency
 - A spectrum-efficient solution is considered to be one which consumes the least amt of spectrum to accomplish the mission effectively within the budget, management plan, schedule, use and other constraints
 - Use cost-effective measures
 - A cost-effective measure is one that provides the most benefit to the greatest number of users for the proposed cost
 - All Hazards Mitigation
 - Improve interoperable communications in areas of high risk for natural disasters (ex. Hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, etc.)
 - Continue to improve interoperability efforts in urban and metropolitan areas at high risk for threats of terrorism
- Statutory requirements:
 - Description of how local and tribal government entities' interoperable communications needs have been included in the planning process and how their needs are being addressed, if applicable; and
 - Description of how nongovernmental organizations' interoperable communications needs have been included in the planning process and how their needs are being addressed, if applicable
- Match requirements- funds are accessible and feasible

Other Criteria (Based on Guidance):

- Each investment justification must be a separate and unique project from any efforts currently underway. For example, a state may use its funding to support an existing statewide communications system; however, this funding must be a unique component of this system that does not receive funding from another federal grant program.
- How well proposed solution addresses the identified need or capability shortfall
- Proposals need to address solutions that include multiple agencies and multiple jurisdictions
 - No single agency projects (Requires multi agency projects)
 - No single jurisdiction projects (Requires multi locality regional projects)
- Projects should emphasize regional/consolidated equipment investments
- Projects should deliver capabilities that approach the functional equivalent of a common standards-based shared system

- Consider how projects will fit into the broader network of existing and ongoing Federal, State and local communications systems investments
- Each State is limited to a total of 10 Investment Justifications

If you have any questions concerning the PSIC Grant Program please do not hesitate to contact the Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator's Office at (804) 692-0137, or at cico@governor.virginia.gov.